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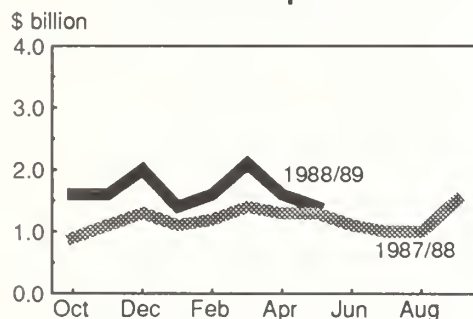
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



Trade Surplus Shrinks - May's agricultural trade surplus narrowed to \$1.37 billion as exports fell seasonally and imports rose 6 percent. Cumulatively, FY 1989's agricultural trade surplus reached \$13.2 billion in May, 37 percent above the same 8 months of FY 1988 (table 3).

Exports Lower - U.S. agricultural exports fell more than \$100 million to \$3.3 billion during May. Soybean, soybean meal, wheat, sorghum, barley, and tobacco exports dropped below April levels. Although corn, cotton, and rice shipments showed significant month-to-month increases, sharply lower wheat and soybean exports were more than offsetting.

U.S. soybean exports fell to \$177 million with volume plunging 43 percent to 630,000 tons. Exports were lower to the EC, Japan, and Taiwan--three markets who together account for 50-80 percent of all U.S. soybean shipments in any given month. Exports to all three customers have fallen in FY 1989, but sales to the EC have been curtailed the most, a reflection of switching from protein meal to grain consumption this year in the EC. Total U.S. soybean exports during the first 8 months of FY 1989 fell almost 6 million tons below year-earlier shipments (table 2).

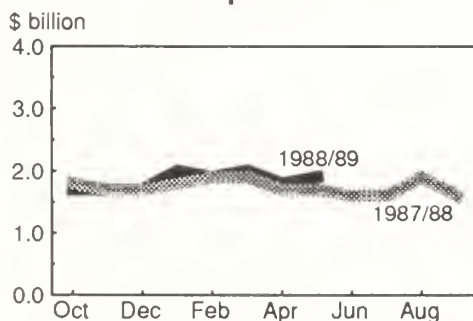
U.S. corn exports increased in May, climbing \$92 million as the volume of shipments rose 859,000 tons to 5.4 million. Shipments to the USSR more than doubled to 2.4 million tons, marking an eight month surge in U.S. corn exports to the Soviet Union. Largely because of the Soviet purchases, the volume of U.S. corn exports during the last 8 months has averaged more than 4.5 million tons, the highest since 1985 and the second highest since August 1982. As of early July, U.S. FY 1989 corn sales to the USSR stood at a record 16.3 million tons.

Wheat exports fell 20 percent during May, dropping by \$110 million and 660,000 tons. Reduced exports to the USSR more than offset increases for China and Egypt. Although the USSR has been a major customer for U.S. wheat in FY 1989, sales are expected to remain well below FY 1988's record 9 million tons.

Cotton exports strengthened in May as shipments gained momentum to Japan and continued strong to China and Korea. At \$203 million and 148,000 tons, cotton exports were also above May 1988 shipments. Typically, they peak in March and their seasonal declines accelerate in May. This year, U.S. cotton has grown increasingly competitive, altering seasonal patterns. Usually, export volume falls about 68 percent from March to May, but instead rose 7 percent this year. (Steve MacDonald, 202-786-1821)

Imports Up Slightly - U.S. agricultural imports totaled more than \$1.9 billion in May, 6 percent above last month, and 16 percent higher than in May 1988. Imports of meats, dairy products, vegetable oils, wine, beer, sugar, and natural rubber showed gains over April (table 6). Lower imports were reported for cocoa, live animals, and tobacco. (Steve Milmoie, 202-786-1821)

Imports



International Coffee Quotas Ended -

The International Coffee Organization (ICO) announced in July that the export quotas governing much of world coffee trade would no longer be in force. With the prospect of unrestricted world trade in coffee, prices plummeted from \$1.14 per pound on June 30 to 90 cents by July 7. The United States is the world's largest coffee importer, and coffee is one of the largest U.S. agricultural imports, totaling \$2.6 billion in FY 1988. (Steve Milmoie, 202-786-1821)

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	23,963,448	27,930,575	--	--	2,971,441	3,327,497
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	3,788,042	4,389,897	--	--	482,864	537,949
Animals live - excl. poultry (NA)	--	--	247,856	352,978	--	--	16,540	19,248
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	82	212	68,135	126,538	8	12	6,159	7,692
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	16	25	170,798	171,126	3	3	8,480	8,102
Swine - live (NO)	5	137	4,620	18,520	1	1	833	614
Sheep, live (NO)	50	229	3,283	8,709	12	48	953	1,635
Other live animals (NO)	--	--	1,021	28,085	--	--	116	1,205
Meats & meat prods, excl poultry(MT)	381	545	1,073,789	1,568,881	52	77	154,933	210,374
Beef & veal (MT)	141	211	601,975	950,667	17	34	79,391	126,521
Beef & veal - fresh or frozen (MT)	139	206	591,029	935,725	17	33	77,563	124,118
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	2	4	10,946	14,942	0	1	1,828	2,403
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, frozen (MT)	32	38	64,714	83,414	5	5	9,841	12,981
Pork (MT)	33	54	134,057	200,384	7	8	28,614	31,443
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	29	46	123,968	179,769	6	7	27,139	29,265
Pork - prepared or preserved (MT)	4	8	10,089	20,616	1	1	1,475	2,177
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	163	193	241,684	285,951	22	20	32,734	31,474
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	12	49	31,360	48,465	1	9	4,353	7,955
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	412,802	481,874	--	--	59,288	60,916
Poultry - live (NO)	29,467	27,661	53,805	49,425	4,210	3,480	7,201	6,624
Baby chicks (NO)	26,434	23,961	49,124	44,012	3,413	2,931	5,867	5,705
Poultry meats (MT)	252	302	263,135	338,636	34	41	39,092	45,092
Chicken - fresh or frozen (MT)	222	275	227,016	299,986	31	38	34,535	39,603
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	16	11	15,548	14,002	2	2	2,007	1,782
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	10	9	10,819	11,324	1	1	1,149	1,574
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	4	7	9,752	13,324	1	1	1,401	2,133
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	1	2	21,196	21,335	0	0	3,568	2,558
Eggs and products (NA)	--	--	74,666	72,477	--	--	9,426	6,641
Dairy products (MT)	233	341	299,716	307,913	32	53	46,599	38,388
Evaporated & condensed milk (MT)	1	10	1,544	15,530	0	1	262	1,688
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	149	82	122,001	91,159	19	14	20,163	11,389
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	5	6	5,934	9,153	1	3	1,560	4,228
Cheese (MT)	14	10	26,497	21,214	2	1	3,730	1,846
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	32	50	19,074	33,644	5	5	3,068	4,026
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	124,667	137,213	--	--	17,816	15,211
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	880	918	341,634	363,383	88	81	36,738	32,654
Lard (MT)	36	44	17,259	21,241	5	6	2,412	2,749
Tallow - inedible (MT)	774	734	288,120	278,839	73	57	29,263	21,712
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	70	140	36,255	63,303	10	18	5,063	8,193
Hides & skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	1,256,278	1,137,629	--	--	147,882	153,452
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	15,088	17,271	957,531	897,533	1,899	2,448	122,419	120,075
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	14,926	21,284	--	--	2,399	2,944
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	101,253	104,916	--	--	10,862	15,884
Furskins (NA)	--	--	182,568	113,896	--	--	12,202	14,549
Mink pelts (NO)	2,004	2,201	74,023	69,209	158	293	5,735	8,462
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	108,545	44,688	--	--	6,467	6,087
Wool & mohair (MT)	5	5	29,679	29,426	1	1	3,239	6,799
Sausage casings (MT)	7	7	18,108	19,177	1	1	2,092	1,733
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	25,420	31,833	--	--	3,743	3,456
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	--	--	82,759	96,803	--	--	11,810	10,929
Grains and feeds (MT)	74,377	77,864	7,937,854	11,404,122	10,561	10,323	1,219,762	1,500,911
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	27,760	23,928	2,825,549	3,803,079	4,019	2,492	444,791	405,180
Wheat flour (MT)	610	989	82,616	187,822	65	103	9,457	24,822
Bulgur wheat (MT)	103	36	19,159	14,002	5	0	880	33
Other wheat products (MT)	11	7	6,432	6,510	1	1	716	707
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,576	2,130	512,322	646,913	222	353	89,168	108,030
Feed grains & products (MT)	36,323	42,639	3,204,116	5,235,513	5,237	6,166	498,576	741,171
Feed grains (MT)	36,129	42,381	3,151,422	5,156,640	5,214	6,138	490,883	731,542
Barley (MT)	2,057	980	156,138	123,401	97	213	6,352	28,176
Corn (MT)	29,821	35,996	2,635,988	4,410,289	4,558	5,365	434,804	638,248
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,241	5,311	358,417	612,428	555	535	49,407	62,310
Rye (MT)	5	89	390	9,770	3	24	284	2,751
Feed grain products (MT)	195	258	52,694	78,874	23	29	7,693	9,629
Popcorn (MT)	43	44	21,211	25,642	6	4	2,752	3,065
Blended food products (MT)	132	154	36,393	48,665	14	17	4,348	5,207
Other grain products (MT)	137	309	97,122	162,952	15	113	13,536	34,429
Feeds & fodders, excl. oilcake (MT)	7,681	7,627	1,132,935	1,273,023	977	1,072	155,538	178,267
Corn by-products (MT)	4,158	3,745	568,142	557,423	523	442	73,591	64,492
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	402	339	52,964	50,145	41	41	5,952	6,300
Beet pulp (MT)	659	494	73,103	61,882	65	39	7,500	4,784
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	491	574	62,797	69,979	86	105	12,228	13,237
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	1,971	2,475	375,930	533,595	262	445	56,267	89,454
Fruits & preps, excl juice (MT)	1,374	1,441	942,930	1,006,507	203	210	145,347	155,011
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,179	1,230	682,374	726,480	182	186	117,163	122,606
Fruits - fresh - citrus (MT)	747	792	395,908	422,931	125	125	67,323	68,837
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	400	425	193,841	205,443	60	63	28,070	30,483
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	96	96	58,585	62,700	12	11	7,887	7,792
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	245	267	138,689	152,156	51	50	30,217	29,784
Fruits - fresh - noncitrus (MT)	432	438	286,467	303,549	57	61	49,840	53,769
Apples - fresh (MT)	252	211	108,492	106,364	22	14	10,073	7,172
Grapes - fresh (MT)	54	76	55,520	70,073	5	7	5,275	6,580
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	126	151	122,455	127,112	30	40	34,492	40,017
Fruits - dried (MT)	110	110	173,348	175,403	11	12	17,891	18,889
Raisins - dried (MT)	60	62	90,714	96,542	6	7	9,571	10,557
Prunes - dried (MT)	43	41	68,598	65,157	4	4	6,777	6,717
Other dried fruits (MT)	7	7	14,036	13,703	1	1	1,543	1,615

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Commodity group and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT)	53	54	55,025	56,324	7	6	7,213	6,277
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	16	17	15,902	15,137	2	2	1,443	2,343
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	15	30	16,281	33,162	1	4	1,637	4,897
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	3,286	3,076	151,852	164,383	645	600	29,180	32,571
Orange juice (HL)	1,510	1,543	70,487	79,093	259	355	11,953	16,896
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,776	1,533	81,365	85,290	386	246	17,227	15,675
Wine (HL)	37	301	46,716	52,472	6	65	7,166	7,363
Nuts and preparations (MT)	316	348	631,318	616,617	27	34	58,584	51,729
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	117	113	385,431	351,974	13	10	43,070	32,400
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	121	159	90,355	120,775	11	21	8,689	12,722
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	63	60	103,289	92,540	2	1	2,168	2,260
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	2	4,572	6,182	0	0	491	658
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	14	14	47,671	45,147	1	1	4,165	3,690
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,263	1,659	885,781	1,073,414	160	256	112,770	151,402
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	464	494	229,170	245,548	60	87	32,493	43,537
Celery - fresh (MT)	42	48	13,339	14,909	7	10	2,425	3,011
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	146	121	46,314	37,896	11	16	3,522	4,968
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	19	59	6,856	21,041	5	19	1,942	6,835
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	50	54	33,044	36,059	7	10	4,883	6,743
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	207	212	129,617	135,644	29	32	19,721	21,981
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	160	187	111,299	138,223	23	24	15,819	19,134
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	34	38	24,893	28,179	5	4	3,306	3,182
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	87	109	58,133	73,831	13	14	8,456	9,462
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	39	40	28,273	36,213	6	6	4,057	6,490
Vegetables - canned (MT)	108	117	87,935	102,698	16	8	12,839	7,780
Pulses (MT)	356	352	149,380	193,058	40	38	15,278	20,319
Dried beans (MT)	251	248	116,218	154,860	28	27	11,571	15,666
Dried peas (MT)	86	79	26,217	25,585	9	6	2,945	2,143
Dried lentils (MT)	19	25	6,945	12,613	3	5	762	2,510
Hops, including hop extract (MT)	7	8	48,497	51,629	1	2	3,518	9,815
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	--	--	259,500	342,258	--	--	32,823	50,816
Oilseeds and products (MT)	24,141	17,375	5,828,753	5,421,079	1,925	1,341	528,350	412,119
Oilcake and meal (MT)	5,059	4,170	1,130,469	1,161,134	666	510	152,721	131,449
Soybean meal (MT)	4,943	4,063	1,112,277	1,143,418	650	483	149,848	128,222
Other oilcakes and meals (MT)	116	107	18,192	17,715	15	27	2,873	3,227
Oilseeds (MT)	17,931	12,278	4,089,343	3,685,019	1,126	703	296,503	203,097
Soybeans (MT)	17,563	11,811	3,915,834	3,465,800	1,081	631	274,765	176,742
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	235	76	76,356	35,122	27	16	10,735	3,008
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	31	45	24,557	36,966	1	3	861	2,360
Other oilseeds (MT)	72	303	21,701	81,732	12	48	3,359	12,861
Protein substances (MT)	30	44	50,897	65,399	4	5	6,783	8,126
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,151	926	608,941	574,927	133	129	79,126	77,572
Soybean oil (MT)	538	444	252,418	245,884	63	73	33,167	39,701
Cottonseed oil (MT)	118	99	56,429	51,096	14	8	7,050	3,779
Sunflower oil (MT)	257	152	112,069	75,711	21	14	10,258	7,120
Corn oil (MT)	122	110	70,940	69,504	19	17	10,878	11,048
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	116	121	117,084	132,731	17	17	17,772	15,925
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	180	169	1,016,752	1,028,362	16	15	95,231	93,304
Tobacco - burley (MT)	36	41	224,087	283,209	5	8	34,818	54,562
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	106	90	659,384	595,588	7	3	42,259	21,670
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	38	38	133,281	149,565	4	4	18,154	17,072
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,083	972	1,665,447	1,342,099	113	148	170,678	202,885
Cotton linters (MT)	25	36	8,945	13,536	3	4	988	1,716
Essential oils (MT)	7	9	81,736	120,679	1	1	9,951	14,718
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	231	294	324,700	362,937	19	24	22,233	27,759
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	562	1,214	455,140	528,889	45	59	64,270	55,026
Sugar & related products (MT)	491	1,107	118,845	179,907	34	47	13,433	19,034
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	183	820	50,343	77,389	9	28	3,723	8,245
Related sugar products (MT)	308	287	68,502	102,518	25	19	9,710	10,789
Coffee (MT)	8	11	53,524	60,106	1	1	6,210	6,457
Cocoa (MT)	3	7	6,739	16,688	1	1	1,178	1,786
Chocolate & preparations (MT)	20	33	71,985	107,134	3	4	8,266	10,852
Tea & mate' (MT)	2	3	12,349	16,066	0	1	2,646	3,415
Spices (MT)	6	6	17,092	18,264	1	1	1,837	2,144
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	17	9	148,910	86,594	3	1	26,824	7,356
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	15	34	24,833	42,121	2	2	3,808	3,506
Other misc. veg. products (MT)	18	27	92,190	147,430	2	3	7,053	14,436
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	58,426	78,321	--	--	7,998	12,658
Beverages, excluding juices (HL)	87	2,026	46,867	179,828	16	651	9,017	55,940
Selected non-agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	6,075,144	5,905,629	--	--	796,115	708,130
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,534,992	646,838	0	4	159,833	2,679
Fish and shellfish (MT)	311	375	1,001,631	1,177,993	52	46	143,737	147,594
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	160	188	561,598	567,640	32	31	105,641	91,676
Shellfish (MT)	46	82	324,697	444,529	4	9	20,460	42,956
Other fish products (MT)	105	106	115,336	165,824	16	6	17,636	12,962
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	193	192	1,132,028	964,560	23	21	141,786	101,769
Fungicides (MT)	26	18	148,580	106,293	4	2	21,460	12,798
Herbicides (MT)	111	100	617,885	503,469	11	10	66,231	51,570
Insecticides (MT)	39	49	264,154	208,225	5	7	35,632	21,342
Other pesticides (MT)	17	25	101,410	146,573	3	2	18,464	16,060
Farm machinery and parts (NA)	--	--	640,011	1,028,490	--	--	95,119	170,550
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	46	27	292,402	289,810	7	2	40,774	48,887
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	347,609	738,680	--	--	54,345	121,662
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,766,482	2,087,749	--	--	255,640	285,538

Preliminary. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	14,288,647	14,729,883	--	--	1,675,797	1,946,487
Noncompetitive agric. imports (NA)	--	--	4,413,805	4,216,507	--	--	484,225	545,480
Bananas and plantains (MT)	2,055	2,016	550,170	567,277	256	289	72,155	81,403
Coffee, including products (MT)	721	659	1,758,311	1,598,021	72	80	189,518	205,581
Cocoa and products (MT)	398	389	851,083	677,942	34	46	69,299	75,216
Tea and mate' (MT)	58	60	77,711	88,608	8	9	12,603	12,344
Spices (MT)	62	71	249,399	187,161	6	9	25,244	25,426
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	584	646	622,815	769,855	68	88	76,437	101,142
Wool, unmanufactured - carpet (MT)	9	11	30,813	40,447	1	2	3,608	6,198
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	34	55	16,748	26,425	4	10	2,061	4,218
Essential oils (MT)	8	11	90,947	95,466	1	1	14,224	11,285
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	32	42	147,094	153,001	4	8	17,130	21,733
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	13,815	5,460	--	--	1,254	0
Competitive agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	9,874,842	10,513,376	--	--	1,191,572	1,401,008
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	3,598,854	3,359,706	--	--	414,659	429,324
Animals-live, exclud. poultry (NO)	1,724	1,889	556,627	564,433	135	176	52,700	55,976
Cattle - live (NO)	1,257	996	472,499	443,412	78	71	41,253	44,050
Horses & mules - live (NO)	8	7	42,387	42,958	1	1	5,829	3,787
Swine - live(NO)	382	819	38,702	73,884	51	74	5,479	7,192
Sheep, live (NO)	24	48	2,007	3,610	0	29	65	888
Meats & products exc. poultry (MT)	850	737	1,869,780	1,613,978	104	98	222,601	219,044
Beef and veal (MT)	506	440	1,096,047	990,979	63	62	135,694	142,434
Beef & veal-fresh or frozen (MT)	458	396	965,251	877,603	58	58	121,926	132,314
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	48	44	130,796	113,376	5	4	13,768	10,120
Pork (MT)	312	263	699,415	536,544	37	32	78,553	65,791
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	202	169	357,537	269,852	25	21	42,505	35,202
Pork - prepared or preservd (MT)	110	94	341,878	266,692	12	11	36,047	30,589
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	16	13	27,958	27,086	2	2	3,784	3,933
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	15	13	27,130	26,370	2	2	3,666	3,933
Variety meats-fresh or frozen (MT)	7	8	8,761	13,200	1	1	1,032	2,086
Other meats - fresh or froz (MT)	3	3	13,219	17,873	0	0	887	1,693
Other meats & products (MT)	7	11	24,361	28,277	1	1	2,652	3,094
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	65,082	79,949	--	--	6,835	12,228
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	5,176	8,811	--	--	597	1,418
Poultry meat (MT)	2	3	8,935	9,853	0	0	701	1,351
Eggs (NA)	--	--	9,433	14,488	--	--	1,300	2,679
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	6	8	41,538	46,796	1	1	4,237	6,779
Dairy products (MT)	221	211	575,681	538,453	26	28	65,682	75,582
Milk & cream, fresh or dried (MT)	11	11	11,553	11,651	1	1	897	1,142
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	1	1,187	2,620	0	0	176	241
Cheese (MT)	79	75	253,501	236,771	8	8	23,674	25,680
Casein & mixtures (MT)	65	45	181,267	206,226	7	9	23,233	43,390
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	128,173	81,185	--	--	17,702	5,129
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	14	10	12,558	9,404	2	1	1,944	1,075
Hides & skins, incl. furskins (NA)	--	--	181,721	187,884	--	--	24,264	20,791
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	4	5	29,457	27,893	1	1	6,212	3,826
Other hides & skins, ex furs (MT)	--	--	37,787	46,025	--	--	5,327	5,687
Furskins (NA)	--	--	114,476	113,966	--	--	12,724	11,279
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	34	34	189,146	206,126	4	5	23,357	23,476
Sausage casings (MT)	8	10	43,356	43,976	1	1	5,861	5,263
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,081	2,637	--	--	204	280
Misc animal products (NA)	--	--	102,822	112,868	--	--	11,210	15,609
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	1,973	2,324	553,481	755,639	252	294	68,210	94,722
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	186	188	22,922	33,863	38	6	4,526	1,154
Corn, unmilled (MT)	64	36	5,591	17,195	3	3	267	404
Oats, unmilled (MT)	537	798	59,063	112,284	69	116	7,751	15,423
Barley, unmilled (MT)	199	162	15,664	28,486	19	25	1,680	4,527
Rice (MT)	66	79	31,940	37,287	10	13	4,867	6,038
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	84	97	179,841	203,528	9	13	18,303	23,873
Pasta & noodles (MT)	69	78	55,153	66,359	8	11	6,837	10,557
Other grains & preps (MT)	142	175	85,233	112,933	12	21	10,389	13,410
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	625	711	98,075	143,704	85	86	13,592	19,335
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,264	1,487	753,080	823,486	202	243	108,379	123,642
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	977	1,133	517,884	549,651	162	192	77,303	85,604
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	35	34	28,412	29,531	7	6	4,259	3,510
Apples, fresh (MT)	87	90	37,428	38,912	30	30	13,942	14,813
Citrus, fresh (MT)	70	59	20,285	15,640	7	5	1,397	1,062
Grapes, fresh (MT)	275	264	225,772	199,967	15	17	18,274	17,572
Mangoes (MT)	8	18	7,727	15,477	5	10	4,206	8,687
Melons (MT)	324	470	82,609	125,595	75	105	16,271	28,337
Pineapples (MT)	56	63	18,262	26,902	7	9	2,499	3,546
Other fruits - fresh or froz (MT)	122	135	97,389	97,626	15	10	16,455	8,077
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	287	354	235,196	273,836	40	51	31,076	38,037
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	153	190	101,411	113,343	21	29	13,021	16,749
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	134	164	133,785	160,493	19	22	18,055	21,289
Orange juice (HL)	12,508	11,751	363,034	407,677	915	1,716	32,218	56,375
Other fruit juices (HL)	6,294	9,084	158,700	206,129	888	1,211	23,650	26,496
Nuts & preparations (MT)	97	86	228,864	210,220	9	9	21,136	20,517
Brazil nuts (MT)	5	3	7,798	8,050	2	0	2,005	505
Cashew nuts (MT)	26	29	148,450	132,003	3	3	13,379	12,582
Chestnuts (MT)	3	4	6,724	8,471	0	0	44	93
Coconut meat (MT)	28	30	24,854	25,553	2	4	1,906	3,211
Filberts (MT)	1	2	5,716	5,867	0	0	1,567	241
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	6,696	11,391	0	0	423	1,585
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	4,542	1,345	0	0	548	239
Other nuts (MT)	30	18	24,084	17,541	2	1	1,263	2,060

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,928	2,184	1,154,561	1,448,078	168	260	131,532	190,852
Vegetables - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,397	1,426	570,199	737,645	102	123	53,171	81,771
Tomatoes (MT)	286	285	128,368	181,747	24	30	13,889	27,241
Asparagus (MT)	12	11	16,796	14,818	0	0	16	39
Beans (MT)	12	20	9,684	17,748	0	1	357	1,343
Carrots (MT)	46	43	8,850	10,013	2	4	450	950
Cucumbers (MT)	208	185	46,114	75,311	3	4	1,368	2,098
Eggplant (MT)	18	17	9,181	8,538	1	1	720	286
Garlic (MT)	11	8	6,742	6,753	3	2	1,863	1,407
Lettuce (MT)	16	23	11,058	8,202	0	0	30	33
Onions (MT)	174	136	69,050	54,750	12	15	5,558	6,515
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	21	36	19,380	36,570	2	3	3,077	4,126
Peppers (MT)	109	111	57,513	82,555	7	8	8,571	13,635
Potatoes (MT)	174	202	32,775	55,016	21	22	3,877	6,641
Squash (MT)	59	71	31,235	33,150	4	4	1,551	1,086
Other vegg - fresh or froz (MT)	250	277	123,453	152,474	21	27	11,843	16,371
Vegetables - prep or preserv (MT)	531	758	584,362	710,433	66	137	78,360	109,081
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	52	46	86,193	91,055	5	5	9,244	11,767
Mushrooms - canned (MT)	36	35	79,665	85,159	6	6	15,248	14,913
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	5	26,315	23,845	0	0	1,127	1,608
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	6	6	10,139	12,180	1	2	2,743	4,180
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	1	2	3,030	3,624	0	0	203	155
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	95	141	53,114	117,110	11	31	7,042	28,672
Waterchestnuts (MT)	22	18	16,967	13,968	4	3	2,941	2,100
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	29	39	12,431	20,940	4	5	1,931	2,610
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	--	--	296,508	342,553	--	--	37,882	43,077
Sugar and related products (MT)	1,458	3,567	391,075	560,286	193	850	57,580	78,090
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	653	967	228,955	361,239	96	126	34,610	47,651
Molasses - inedible (MT)	550	2,366	43,841	40,768	57	691	5,058	5,312
Confectionery products (MT)	26	44	40,324	79,157	3	8	5,292	13,603
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	230	189	77,955	79,122	36	26	12,620	11,524
Spices (MT)	16	15	22,894	27,770	2	2	2,772	4,963
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	139	108	386,040	326,392	18	16	55,690	45,604
Tobacco - filler (MT)	116	97	358,450	312,406	15	13	52,462	42,671
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	9	9	12,440	5,071	1	3	1,363	852
Other tobacco (MT)	14	2	15,150	8,915	2	0	1,865	2,081
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	9,804	8,819	1,324,861	1,182,936	1,396	1,315	172,498	166,678
Wine (HL)	2,095	1,930	687,896	616,617	240	244	77,538	79,342
Malt beverages (HL)	6,956	6,346	579,862	524,444	1,021	987	85,394	80,965
Other beverages (HL)	753	544	57,103	41,875	136	85	9,565	6,371
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,116	1,334	516,615	650,110	108	168	55,486	83,782
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	137	321	45,246	117,386	16	62	5,353	22,147
Flaxseed (MT)	37	134	5,493	45,522	8	11	1,282	3,613
Sesameseed (MT)	28	27	19,691	23,118	3	4	2,326	3,933
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	72	160	20,061	48,746	6	48	1,745	14,601
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	822	773	447,481	487,655	75	77	47,318	56,752
Castor oil (MT)	26	29	23,765	26,393	2	4	1,676	4,163
Coconut oil (MT)	338	211	154,719	106,392	24	21	11,809	10,296
Olive oil (MT)	49	57	77,296	99,042	6	9	10,263	18,770
Palm oil (MT)	126	100	40,109	40,557	11	4	4,669	1,367
Palm kernel oil (MT)	146	120	68,506	66,666	11	13	6,059	6,482
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	137	257	83,087	148,606	22	26	12,842	15,673
Oilcake & meal (MT)	156	240	23,888	45,069	17	29	2,816	4,883
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	455	3,162	0	0	0	0
Cotton linters (MT)	25	6	5,944	1,972	2	2	602	442
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	107	144	111,765	148,134	6	10	10,327	15,871
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	195,246	219,438	--	--	24,335	36,059
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	87,441	103,135	--	--	9,618	12,661
Other vegetable products (MT)	9	29	21,934	79,106	1	5	2,879	14,931
Selected non-agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	6,391,063	6,691,780	--	--	798,781	891,366
Fertilizers (MT)	11,491	24,293	1,031,888	1,250,567	1,188	13,594	111,337	140,124
Potassium (MT)	5,264	5,155	468,972	461,711	542	539	48,285	49,690
Nitrogen (MT)	5,140	16,871	430,043	578,157	497	12,693	44,764	57,139
Phosphate (MT)	535	2,081	46,637	180,483	58	355	3,240	32,425
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	552	155	86,236	25,125	92	0	15,049	0
Fish and shellfish (MT)	23,197	16,556	3,363,764	3,455,969	3,127	133	423,171	475,671
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	534	612	1,469,529	1,596,920	57	97	158,111	251,510
Shellfish (MT)	223	230	1,817,918	1,805,420	31	28	257,621	219,474
Fish products, other (MT)	22,440	15,714	76,317	53,629	3,039	8	7,438	4,686
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	66	52	361,822	299,625	10	9	52,279	39,765
Fungicides (MT)	5	10	34,245	40,219	1	2	3,942	5,316
Herbicides (MT)	33	10	174,550	101,882	5	1	28,604	4,175
Insecticides (MT)	12	1	93,375	20,993	2	0	12,268	2,233
Other pesticides (MT)	16	30	59,651	136,531	2	6	7,465	28,041
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,579,872	1,627,521	--	--	205,812	227,626
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	79	594	828,116	733,987	9	77	103,081	99,985
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	751,755	893,534	--	--	102,731	127,641
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	53,718	58,098	--	--	6,181	8,180

Preliminary. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Mar	Apr	May	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
gricultural exports	4,054	3,433	3,327	27,931	16.6
mports (c.i.f.)	2,208	2,009	2,114	16,274	3.6
mports (Customs val.)	1,983	1,833	1,946	14,730	3.1
rade Balance:					
Exports minus cif					
imports	1,846	1,424	1,213	11,657	43.2
Exports minus Customs valued imports	2,071	1,600	1,381	13,201	36.5

Preliminary data.

Table 4--U.S. and world coffee market indicators

Year 1/	Brazilian Arabica price, New York	U.S. imports of raw beans	World coffee supply
	(\$/Lb.)	(million metric tons)	(million metric tons)
1973/74	0.70	1.1	7.1
1974/75	0.73	1.2	7.0
1975/76	1.22	1.0	6.0
1976/77	2.36	1.0	5.8
1977/78	1.77	1.2	6.5
1978/79	1.60	1.1	6.4
1979/80	1.84	1.0	6.7
1980/81	1.24	1.0	7.8
1981/82	1.41	1.0	7.6
1982/83	1.31	1.1	7.8
1983/84	1.48	1.1	7.9
1984/85	1.38	1.2	7.9
1985/86	1.99	1.2	7.3
1986/87	1.22	1.0	8.2
1987/88	1.19	1.0	8.3
1988/89	1.28 (Oct-Jun)	1.1	8.5 (F)

1/ Fiscal years ending September 30. World supply equals stocks plus production, marketing years beginning August 1st.
(F) = Forecast.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Mar	Apr	May	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Total	4,054	3,433	3,327	27,931	16.5
Live animals	30	26	26	402	33.4
Meat & prep.	270	250	255	1,908	42.7
Hides & skins	159	144	153	1,138	-9.4
Wheat	623	515	405	3,803	34.6
Rice	92	66	108	647	26.2
Corn	625	546	638	4,410	67.3
Other feed grains	95	125	93	746	44.8
Animal feeds	392	296	310	2,434	7.5
Soybeans	531	314	177	3,466	-11.5
Vegetable oils	85	64	78	575	-5.6
Horticul. prods.	381	416	438	3,355	10.3
Cotton & linters	194	186	204	1,356	-19.0
Tobacco, unmg.	159	121	93	1,028	1.1

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (Customs' value) (\$ Mil.)

Commodity group	Mar	Apr	May	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Total	1,983	1,833	1,946	14,730	3.1
Live animals	84	71	57	573	2.0
Meat & prep.	209	196	220	1,624	-13.6
Dairy prod.	59	54	76	538	-6.5
Grains & feeds	112	96	94	756	36.5
Fruits & nuts	279	296	308	2,215	7.8
Vegetables	235	200	191	1,448	25.4
Vegetable oils	67	33	57	488	9.0
Wine	70	68	79	617	-10.4
Malt beverages	64	66	81	524	-9.6
Coffee	201	202	206	1,598	-9.1
Cocoa	103	90	75	678	-20.3
Rubber, natural	121	89	101	770	23.6
Sugar	49	30	48	361	57.8
Tobacco, unmg.	39	54	46	326	-15.4

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